

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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HAZARDOUS WASTE LIABILITY EXEMPTION REMINDER

Local governments, lenders, and consultants should remember that DNR has received approval from EPA to use enforcement discretion and not apply hazardous waste liability provisions to local government units (LGUs) and lenders that acquire an interest in a contaminated property or protect their security interest. Historically, many LGUs and lenders have been reluctant to acquire property or finance loans at properties potentially impacted by hazardous waste. However, in November, 2001 DNR submitted proposals to EPA to utilize state enforcement discretion and not apply hazardous waste liability provisions to LGUs and lenders that acquire an interest in the property or protect their security interest, provided that they follow the provisions in Ch. 292, Wis. Stats. EPA responded favorably. LGUs and lenders can review the federal responses to determine if a hazardous waste exemption may be applicable to help move an environmental cleanup forward. If so, they should contact the DNR regional office and request a general liability clarification letter (\$500 fee). For the full text of Wisconsin's requests and EPA's responses, please see the "Limiting Liability for Lenders or Local Governments Using Certain Methods of Acquiring Property Impacted By Releases of Hazardous Waste" header on our Liability web page at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/liability/index.htm> Local governments with questions may contact Dan Kolberg at 608-267-7500, or [Dan.Kolberg@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Dan.Kolberg@dnr.state.wi.us). Lenders may contact Michael Prager at 608-261-4927, or [Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us)

CHANGES TO STATE EMPLOYEE EMAIL ADDRESSES

The state has changed the email addresses for employees effective June 16, 2002. The new email addresses include the complete name of the employee, versus the old practice of using partial names and initials. For example, RR staffer Megan Clemen's old email address was [clemem@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:clemem@dnr.state.wi.us). Her new email address is [Megan.Clemens@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Megan.Clemens@dnr.state.wi.us). Any e-mail sent to the old email addresses will still reach the intended recipient for at least the next two years. However, it's best to get in the habit of using the new addresses now so you can always be in touch with your favorite state employee.

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